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Extension of the period of operation of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954, beyond 31st December 1954; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from the representatives of Tamilnad Kisan Sabha for extending the said Act?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The period of operation of the Act already extends up to the 5th February 1955. Representations have been received from various bodies for further extension of this period and the matter is under the consideration of Government."

* 149 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copies of the resolutions passed at the conferences of the peasants in the districts of Tanjore, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, etc., regarding the extension of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954, for three more years; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take on these resolutions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இந்தசபை ஒத்திவைக்கப்படுவதற்கு முன்பு இந்த மசோதா சபை முன் கொண்டுவரப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is time till February 5th. Meanwhile, the Congress Legislature Party has appointed a Committee to go into the question. That will meet soon and after its meeting, I will be able to say something definite."

Time-limit for the repayment of short-term loans.

* 150 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have fixed any time-limit for the peasants to repay the short-term loans which were granted by the Government to them under the National Extension Service in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the time-limit to return the loans?